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### Area

1. The entire Kolyma region was under Dalstroy, the headquarters of which was in Khabarovsk (sic).<sup>1</sup> There were recruitment officers in many cities.

### Administration

2. Dalstroy was connected with the MVD. On many papers  the sign  (sic)---MVD. On other papers he saw the sign of Dalstroy inscribed in a hexagon. It looked like this:



3.  the following four directorates under Dalstroy:

- a. Southwestern Directorate (Yugo-zapadnoye upravleniye), the headquarters of which was in Seymchan (N 62-53, E 152-26). Lazo (N 63-13, E 152-10) was under this directorate.
- b. Central Directorate (Tsentralknoye upravleniye), the headquarters of which was in Yagodnyy (N 62-33, E 149-40).
- c. Northern Directorate (Severnoye upravleniye).

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d. Indigirka Directorate, the headquarters of which was in Indigirka.

4. In regard to prison camp administration, [ ] the following organization:

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a. Southwestern Camps (Yuzlag:Yugo-zapadnyye lageri), which handled criminal prisoners in Seymchan, Elgen Ugol (N 62-54, E 151-46), and Lazo.

b. Coastal Camps (Berlag:Beregovyye lageri), which handled political prisoners in the same area.

c. Usvitlag. [ ] it handled forced labor until 1950, when the criminals and the political prisoners were separated.

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d. Forced labor (katorzhaniya [sic])<sup>2</sup>. There were groups of forced laborers in Elgen (N 62-48, E 150-44) and Butugychak (N 61-19, E 149-11) to which this title applied. These prisoners were locked in their barracks after each day's labor.

#### Miscellaneous Information

5. Dalstroy disseminated a great deal of propaganda all over the USSR. After World War II, one of the chiefs of Dalstroy was Lieutenant General Ivan Feodorovich Nikishov.<sup>3</sup>

6. [ ] one harbor on the Kolyma River. It was called Zaryanskiy (sic) and was located north of Seymchan. At Zaryanskiy, there was a camp for political prisoners, who were moved to Lazo in 1951.

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7. A new wolfram and uranium mine was opened in 1952 near Medvedka, 12 km from Pyatiletka (N 62-18, E 151-27). Political prisoners were employed there for about six months, and then they were replaced by criminal prisoners. In 1952, very little work had been done there; there was only one tunnel, which was about 20 m long. [ ] it was common talk among the workers that uranium and wolfram were mined there, [ ]

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8. At Pyatiletka there was a small cassiterite mine, which was worked by criminals and free workers. The ore was processed in the Second Factory. At Camp Chapayev, located three kilometers from the Third Factory, there was also a small cassiterite mine and the beginning of a uranium mine.

9. From Pyatiletka to Camp Chapayev, there were two telephone lines and one power cable of finger-thickness.

10. The road from Lazo to Seymchan was as wide as the main highway from Seymchan to Magadan (N 59-34, E 150-48). It was a dirt road with room for three trucks side by side. In winter, it was kept open by snow plows, when there was up to one meter of snow. When there was more snow, the machines cleared the frozen river, which was smoother than the road. [ ]

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11. [REDACTED] two airports, at Seymchan and at Magadan. [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] Comments.

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1. The headquarters of Dalstroy is in Magadan.
2. This is probably Katorzhanskiy trudovoy lager - KTL (hard labor camp).
3. [REDACTED] Nikishov was recalled to Moscow in 1946 and re-  
tired because of Dalstroy's non-fulfillment of its production plans.

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